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SUBJECT: CONSTITUTION DAY

1. AS WE FORECAST EARLIER, LAO CONSTITUTION DAY PASSED
PEACEFULLY, CONTRARY TO EARLIER RUMORS AND FEARS
CIRCULATING IN CITY THAT SOMETHING MIGHT DEVELOP
TODAY. WITH FULL CABINET, INCLUDING ALL LPF,
DIPLOMATIC CORPS, ET AL PRESENT, THE KING
PRESIDED OVER A PARADE OF CADETS, STUDENTS AND
BOY AND GIRL SCOUTS, AND AWARDED MEDALS. THE
PRIME MINISTER MADE PATRIOTIC SPEECH ON THE
RESTORATION OF PEACE IN LAOS, EXPRESSING CONFIDENCE
THAT UNITY WOULD BE MAINTAINED, NOTING THAT ACCORDS
UPHELD CONSTITUTION AND DID NOT UNDERMINE INSTITUTIONS,
AND WARNING "FOREIGN COUNTRIES NOT TO BECOME MIXED UP
IN WHAT WAS NONE OF THEIR BUSINESS."

2. IN THE AFTERNOON, THE KING OPENED THE KING'S
COUNCIL AT WHICH HE DECLARED THAT NO ONE CAN THINK OF
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"SCUTTling OR PRETTIFYING" THE CONSTITUTION.
THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, HOWEVER, DID NOT OPEN AND THE
DEPUTIES DID NOT ATTEND THE PARADE. IN BRIEF, IT
WAS A LAO COMPROMISE, ALTHOUGH UNDOUBTEDLY LPF HAD
SCORED MAJOR POINT, AND IN ALL PROBABILITY THIS
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY IS DEAD.
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